

spent which is important. Contrary to the view of the well-meaning but misguided members who promote block grants, the amount of taxpayer dollars spent on federal education does matter.

First of all, the federal government lacks constitutional authority to redistribute monies between states and taxpayers for the purpose of education, regardless of whether the monies are redistributed through federal programs or through grants. There is no "block grant exception" to the principles of federalism embodied in the U.S. Constitution.

Furthermore, the federal government's power to treat state governments as their administrative subordinates stems from an abuse of Congress' taxing-and-spending power. Submitting to federal control is the only way state and local officials can recapture any part of the monies of the federal government has illegitimately taken from a state's citizens. Of course, this is also the only way state officials can tax citizens of other states to support their education programs. It is the rare official who can afford not to bow to federal dictates in exchange for federal funding!

As long as the federal government controls education dollars, states and local schools will obey Federal mandates; the core program is not that federal monies are given with the inevitable strings attached, the real problem is the existence of federal taxation and funding.

Since federal spending is the root of federal control, by increasing federal spending this Congress is laying the groundwork for future Congresses to fasten more and more mandates on the states. Because state and even local officials, not federal bureaucrats, will be carrying out these mandates, this system could complete the transformation of the state governments into mere agents of the federal government.

While it is true that lower levels of intervention are not as bad as micro-management at the federal level, Congress' constitutional and moral responsibility is not to make the federal education bureaucracy "less bad." Rather, we must act now to put parents back in charge of education and thus make American education once again the envy of the world.

Hopefully the next Congress will be more reverent toward their duty to the U.S. Constitution and America's children. The price of Congress's failure to return to the Constitution in the area of education will be paid by the next generation of American children. In short, we cannot afford to continue on the policy road we have been going down. The cost of inaction to our future generations is simply too great.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2415, AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-971) on the resolution (H. Res. 624) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and

personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.RES. 596, AFFIRMATION OF THE UNITED STATES RECORD ON ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-972) on the resolution (H. Res. 625) providing for consideration of the resolution (H.Res. 596) calling upon the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4392, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-973) on the resolution (H. Res. 626) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4392) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J.RES. 111, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-974) on the resolution (H. Res. 627) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT WITH AN AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4386, BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-975) on the resolution (H. Res. 628) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4386) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screen program, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to surveillance and information concerning the relationship between cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus (HPV), and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. PASTOR (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 4:00 p.m. on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. STABENOW, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today and October 12 and 13.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today and October 12.

Mr. TANCREDI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today and October 12 and 13.

Mr. WAMP, for 5 minutes, today.